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1. IN A WEEKEND PRESS CONFERENCE, MAJOR BERHANU BAYE, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL OF ETHIOPIA CURRENTLY VISITING LAGOS IN CONNECTION WITH OAU MEDIATION EFFORTS REPORTED REFEELS RESPONDED TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ON THE OGADEN DISPUTE. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS APPEARED IN THE DAILY TIMES STORY ON HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. BAYE SAID, "SO FAR SOMALI LEADERS HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS CALL(FOR THE TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL
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WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI TROOPS FROM THE OGADEN) AND WITHDRAW THE SOLDIERS THEY SENT AND CONTINUE TO SEND TO THE WAR FRONT. THE ONLY COURSE LEFT FOR ETHIOPIA IS THEREFORE TO CONTINUE THE WAR UNTIL THE INVADING SOMALI TROOPS ARE TOTALLY ANNIHILATED."

3. DESCRIBING THE WESTERN ATTITUDE HE SAID, "THERE COULD BNH

NOTHING MORE HYPOCRITICAL THAN THE DUBIOUS STAND ADOPTED BY THE WEST, PREACHING ON ONE HAND PEACE, JUSTICE, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE COLLUDING WITH AN AGGRESSOR CLEARLY BENT ON UNDERMINING THESE SAME PRINCIPLES."

4. WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE HE OBSERVED, "FRIENDLY NATIONS HAVE COME TO ETHIOPIA'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS TIME OF TRIAL. IT IS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF ETHIOPIANS TO USE ANY MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO REPULSE THE INVADING ARMY." REPORTEDLY RESPONDING TO A QUESTION RE CUBAN TROOPS HE SAID, "WE HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO INVITE FRIENDLY NATIONS TO COME AND HELP US REPEL AN AGGRESSOR."

5. QUESTIONED ABOUT "IMPORTING IDEOLOGY" FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, MAJOR BAYE MAINTAINED THAT THE SYSTEM THE DERGE IS TRYING TO EVOLVE IN ETHIOPIA IS NOT IMPORTED. "OUR REVOLUTION IS A GENUINE ONE. IT BEGAN AS A RESULT OF

JOURNAL CONTRADICTIONS IN THE ETHIOPIAN SOCIETY."
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